

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A Device ~~device~~ for dosing small-particled pharmaceutical preparations, ~~which comprises comprising:~~

a chamber-(16) for accommodating a larger amount of the preparation, and
a dosing element with a dosing chamber-(52) for accommodating a defined partial amount of the preparation, the dosing chamber having releasably fixed volume inserts with different external dimensions in order to set the volume of the dosing chamber to a defined partial quantity of preparation, wherein the dosing chamber is being movable between a filling position, in which it is to be filled with preparation from the chamber-(16), and a dispensing position in which the preparation from the dosing chamber-(52) is to be discharged from the dosing device, ~~characterized in that the volume of the dosing chamber (52) is adjustable in order to set the defined partial quantity of preparation to be dispensed from the dosing device.~~

2. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the volume of the dosing chamber-(52) can be adjusted smoothly or stepwise.

3. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ movably mounted on the dosing element is a pusher-(32), ~~the head (50) of~~ which is movable back and forth in the dosing chamber-(52) in order to vary the volume thereof.

4. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a threaded spindle-(38) by means of which the position of the pusher-(32) can be varied is provided on the dosing element.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The dosing ~~Dosing~~ device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the dosing element is a dosing slide-(22) which is movable in the channel-(20) between its filling position and its dispensing position.

8. (currently amended) ~~The dosing~~Dosing device according to claim [[1]]7, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the dosing slide-(22) is preferably biased into its filling position by a compression spring
and is movable into its dispensing position counter to the biasing force.

9. (currently amended) ~~The dosing~~Dosing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the dosing element is a rotary slide which is rotatable in a receptacle between its filling
position and its dispensing position.

10. (currently amended) ~~The dosing~~Dosing device according to claim [[1]]7 or 9, ~~characterized~~
~~in that~~wherein the dosing chamber-(52) provided on the dosing slide-(22) or rotary slide is in the
form of a through-opening, one open end of which is aligned with an outlet opening-(18) of the
chamber-(16) in the filling position while the other open end thereof is aligned with a dispensing
opening-(28) in the dispensing position, the open ends being sealed off by the base-(12) and the
plate-(24) in the intermediate positions of the slide.

11. (currently amended) ~~The dosing~~Dosing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein a storage container containing the pharmaceutical preparation is releasably fixable to the
dosing device, said storage container filling the chamber-(16) with the preparation.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) ~~The dosing~~Dosing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the dosing device is made from a plastics material and is preferably constructed as an
injection molded part, the plastics material optionally being suitable for autoclaving.

15-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) ~~Method~~A method of dosing, particularly self-dosing, small-particled

pharmaceutical preparations, particularly preparations in the form of pellets, granules or extruded materials, by the user immediately before taking the preparation, comprising: wherein
storing a larger quantity of the preparation ~~is stored~~ in a chamber ~~(16)~~,
transferring a defined partial quantity of the preparation ~~is transferred~~ from the chamber ~~(16)~~ into a dosing chamber ~~(52)~~ of a variable~~given~~ volume, ~~the volume of~~ the dosing chamber having releasably fixed volume inserts with different external dimensions in order to set the volume of the dosing chamber to a defined partial quantity of preparation, (52) and
dispensing the partial quantity of the preparation contained in the dosing chamber ~~(52)~~ is dispensed ready for taking, characterized in that ~~the volume of the dosing chamber (52) before being filled with the preparation is adjusted in order to preset the partial amount to be dispensed.~~

18. (canceled)